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CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8(a)

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UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98**

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the following documents for the above-identified application. Copies of any non-US documents set forth below and listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A, copy of the International Search Report (ISR) and a German Examination Report dated November 10, 2003 issued in the corresponding applications are provided herewith.

1. DE 198 50 964 A1 (has English-language equivalent application US 2002/0130013 A1)
2. DE 198 26 270 A1 (English abstract provided)

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3. WO 90/00146 A1 (has English abstract)
4. DE 1 096 283 C
5. DE 33 02 755 C1 (English abstract provided)

Documents 1-3 were cited in the ISR. Documents 1 and 4-5 were cited in the German Examination Report dated November 10, 2003. Document 1 was also mentioned in the background of the specification of the instant application.

No English translation or abstract for document 4 is readily available. The Examiner stated in German Examination Report dated November 10, 2003 that document 4 (DE 1 096 283 C) discloses transporting a stack of rigid and thin plates with an endless conveyor to a discharge area where the plates are separated (see claim 1, Figs. 1, 6, 10). A person skilled in the art would easily think about using this for conveying and handling metal sheets and sheet metal stack and alternatively for delivering the complete stack – manually or automatically – to the loading point of the conveyor. This satisfies Applicant's obligation of providing brief explanation of relevancy of non-English document.

Since the present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of the first Office Action, no statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is required.

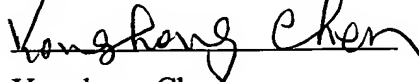
The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner

and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08A be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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Respectfully submitted,

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